



LEOMINSTER

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

Leominster is a medium-size community situated 50 miles northwest of Boston and providing for its residents and businesses a semi-rural setting with free access to anywhere in Massachusetts on Route 1-190 and Route 495. Residents are very proud of the mix of small town friendliness and character with the strong industrial and retail base which makes the community a magnet for shoppers from all the surrounding towns. The city also prides itself on its excellent cultural mix and on the school system residents describe as the most important city service. Its location and work force have attracted manufacturing firms, primarily plastic companies, as well as related tool and die and service industries. The city is presently mounting a recruitment drive to inform biotechnology firms about the advantages of Leominster, which residents note include appropriate zoning, available properties and skilled and semi-skilled workers. After the research and development has been carried out in Boston and Cambridge, Leominster officials hope biotech companies will see their city as the best place to begin producing the new products of the 21st century.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

North central Massachusetts, bordered by Fitchburg and Lunenburg on the north, Lancaster on the east, Sterling and Princeton on the south, and Westminster on the west. Leominster is about 20 miles north of Worcester; 41 miles northwest of Boston; 42 miles from Manchester, New Hampshire; and 198 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 29.76 sq. miles

Land Area: 28.88 sq. miles

Population: 38,145

Density: 1,321 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Clinton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....23.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.0"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Fitchburg, Shirley, Sterling, Clinton

Regional Planning Agency

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Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Fitchburg-Leominster



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 534-7500

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1740

As a city: 1915

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	19,003		
Democrats	6,507	34.2	%
Republicans	1,851	9.7	%
Other parties	9	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	10,636	56.0	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Leominster city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	41,303	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	41,303	100.0
Male.....	19,860	48.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	4,544	11.0
Female.....	21,443	51.9	Mexican.....	246	0.6
Under 5 years.....	2,929	7.1	Puerto Rican.....	2,843	6.9
5 to 9 years.....	3,101	7.5	Cuban.....	34	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	2,910	7.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,421	3.4
15 to 19 years.....	2,468	6.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	36,759	89.0
20 to 24 years.....	2,096	5.1	White alone.....	33,673	81.5
25 to 34 years.....	6,137	14.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	7,229	17.5	Total population.....	41,303	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	5,412	13.1	In households.....	40,909	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	1,916	4.6	Householder.....	16,491	39.9
60 to 64 years.....	1,472	3.6	Spouse.....	8,170	19.8
65 to 74 years.....	2,800	6.8	Child.....	12,585	30.5
75 to 84 years.....	2,131	5.2	Own child under 18 years.....	9,870	23.9
85 years and over.....	702	1.7	Other relatives.....	1,632	4.0
Median age (years).....	36.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	506	1.2
18 years and over.....	30,762	74.5	Nonrelatives.....	2,031	4.9
Male.....	14,404	34.9	Unmarried partner.....	1,044	2.5
Female.....	16,358	39.6	In group quarters.....	394	1.0
21 years and over.....	29,538	71.5	Institutionalized population.....	296	0.7
62 years and over.....	6,509	15.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	98	0.2
65 years and over.....	5,633	13.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	2,209	5.3	Total households.....	16,491	100.0
Female.....	3,424	8.3	Family households (families).....	10,902	66.1
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	5,430	32.9
One race.....	40,389	97.8	Married-couple family.....	8,170	49.5
White.....	35,982	87.1	With own children under 18 years.....	3,751	22.7
Black or African American.....	1,529	3.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,066	12.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	63	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,317	8.0
Asian.....	1,006	2.4	Nonfamily households.....	5,589	33.9
Asian Indian.....	147	0.4	Householder living alone.....	4,604	27.9
Chinese.....	96	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,767	10.7
Filipino.....	33	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	5,795	35.1
Japanese.....	27	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	4,013	24.3
Korean.....	160	0.4	Average household size.....	2.48	(X)
Vietnamese.....	101	0.2	Average family size.....	3.05	(X)
Other Asian ¹	442	1.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	24	0.1	Total housing units.....	16,976	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	4	-	Occupied housing units.....	16,491	97.1
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	3	-	Vacant housing units.....	485	2.9
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	16	-	occasional use.....	39	0.2
Some other race.....	1,785	4.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	914	2.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.6	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	16,491	100.0
White.....	36,712	88.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	9,545	57.9
Black or African American.....	1,803	4.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	6,946	42.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	199	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.71	(X)
Asian.....	1,201	2.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.16	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	42	0.1			
Some other race.....	2,305	5.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	426
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	11
Federal (Section 8):	273



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The principal highway is State Route 2, the old Mohawk Trail, which runs across northern Massachusetts. State Route 140 and Interstate 190 connect the region to Worcester. The Springfield Terminal Railway line (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallels Route 2 and provides access to the network of intermodal facilities serving central and eastern Massachusetts.

Major Highways

The principal highways are State Route 2 and Interstate Route 190, which form an interchange in the town.

Rail

Commuter rail service is available from North Leominster to North Station, Boston. Travel time: 78–87 min.; 60 MBTA parking spaces. Conrail and the Springfield Terminal Railway (STRR) offer freight service to Leominster. Contact number for Conrail (617) 783-6222; for the STRR: (978) 663-1073

Bus

Leominster is a member of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MRTA), which provides fixed route service to Fitchburg, Gardner, and Fort Devens. The MRTA also offers paratransit services to the elderly and disabled. Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. provides limited service to Worcester, with connections to Hartford and New York City.

Other

The Fitchburg Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,511' and 3,502' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Leominster Hospital

Long Term Care

Fairlawn Nursing Home, Inc.

Keystone Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Fairmount Rest Home

Leominster Homestead Rest Home

Nancy Patch Retirement Home

Village Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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